From:	mapa-board@googlegroups.com on behalf of Cole Harrison
To:	MAPA Board; MAPA Palestine/Israel Working Group
Subject:	[MAPA board] Fwd: No MAHP Hearing at Cambridge City Council on April 23
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FYI. City council hearing postponed, no firm new date. See the 3 to-dos below.

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Date: Fri, Apr 20, 2018 at 8:39 AM
Subject: No MAHP Hearing at Cambridge City Council on April 23
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Dear MAHP supporters,

After an amazing week of landmark BDS victories, opponents of human rights are scared and ramping up the backlash. Right-wing groups have spent thousands of dollars and untold hours of their lobbyists' time spreading slanderous misinformation about our campaign, sending infiltrators to our meetings, and anonymously calling Cambridge residents, posing as a polling service, then asking questions such as "If you know that a recognized terrorist organization were pushing a policy at the Cambridge City Council would it make you [more or less, on a scale] likely to support?"

Self-proclaimed "liberal" groups like the Anti-Discrimination League (ADL) and the Jewish Communities Relations Council (JCRC) are working with Trump-aligned Islamophobic groups like Christians and Jews United for Israel (CUJI) and Americans for Peace and Tolerance (APT). As a result of intense and often aggressive pressure from opposition lobbying groups, some Cambridge city councilors who had previously been sympathetic to the resolution are now questioning whether it is politically expedient to stick with this support. This backlash has become standard at a moment when the BDS movement for Palestinian freedom is gaining momentum and winning.

We refuse to dilute our message and refuse to stop speaking out against the oppression of immigrants, incarcerated people, and Palestinians living under violent occupation. We are asking our communities to rise up in response to this heavy backlash: now is the time to reach out to progressives on the City Council! Here's what you can do:

1. Email Cambridge City Councilors that you need them to stand strong and progressive against right-wing intimidation and that we have their backs!
2. Share about our campaign on social media and spread the word
3. Stay tuned for our next step and be ready to come out in full support!

We are in this for the long haul. Our tactics will evolve, but our overall message stays the same: Cambridge should not purchase products from companies that support violence and oppression.

Stayed tuned and be prepared to show your commitment as this campaign develops in the next weeks and months. Be ready to step up on short notice!

Yours,

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"Radical simply means grasping things at the root." -Angela Davis
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